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2. "The following information on the operation within the Armed Forces of the Partis Punes Shqiprise (Albanian Labor Party - the CP of Albania) and of its youth organization, the Bashkimi Rinis Punes Shqiprise (BRPSH) (Union of Albanian Working Youth), dates through early August 1952.

Organization

2. "The following diagram illustrates the network of these two bodies within the Armed Forces, using the specific example of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Division of Coastal Defense). This division has its headquarters at Durres.

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- (A) Komiteti Qendror Partis Punes Shqiprise
(Central Committee of the Albanian Labor Party)
Seksioni Politik (Ushtria Popullore)
(Political Section, People's Army)
--Blv Shqipria e Re, Tirana
- (B) Ministria Mbrojtjes Kombetare, Drejtoria Politike
(Ministry of Defense, Political Directorate)
--Blv Shqipria e Re, Tirana
- (C) Komanda Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare, Dega Politike
(Headquarters, Division of Coastal Defense, Political Branch)
--Rr Mujo Ulqinaku, Durrës
- (D) Regjimenti ...X...
Seksioni Politike
(Political Section, Regiment X)
- (a) Organizata Baze Partis Punes Reparti Ushtarak X
(Basic Party Organization of the Regiment)
- (1) Grup Org Baze Partis Punes Bateria 1..2..etc.
(Basic Party Group of a Battery)
- (b) Org Baze e Rinis Reparti Ushtarak X
(Basic Organization of the BRPSH)
- (1) Grup Org Baze e Rinis Bateria 1..2..etc
(Unit of the BRPSH in a Battery)

Legend

- (1) The body marked (A) controls directly the activities of (B), which in turn controls the political activities of all divisions of the Armed Forces. A Dega Politike (C) exists in each division of the Armed Forces; the example chosen is the Division of Coastal Defense, Durrës. This body is also known as the Seksioni Agjitproporit dhe i Partis of a division. The first term is more correct, the second term more usual. A Political Section (D) exists in any regiment. A Basic Party Organization (a) and a Basic BRPSH Organization (b) exists either in the regiment or in another unit depending directly on (C). The Party and BRPSH units (1) for the various batteries depend on the basic organizations superior to them.
- (2) A Regimental Political Section (D) consists of three persons, all Antar Partie (Party Members). These persons are appointed by the Dega Politike of the superior Division Headquarters. They include:
- Shefi Seksionit Politik (Chief) - in rank a major, captain 1st class or captain 2nd class.
- Zavendes Shef Sek. Politik (Deputy Chief) - in rank a captain 1st class or captain 2nd class.
- Antar Seksionit Politik (Member) - in rank a toger (lieutenant) or N/toger (sublieutenant).
- (3) The Org Baze Partis Punes Reparti Ushtarak X...Y...(a) in the various regiments or other division units each consist of six persons elected by Party members. These members elect the members designated by the superior Political Section. These six persons are all Party members or candidates. They include:

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Secretary - rank may be from soldier up to colonel, depending on years of membership in the Party.

Five members who compose the Byroja Politike (Political Bureau) - ranks may be from soldier up to major, depending on years of membership in the Party.

- (4) The Grup Org Baze Partis Punes Bateria 1..2..3.. etc (a - 1) in the various batteries or lesser units each consist of one person, a Secretary, who is ostensibly elected by the other Party members. He is either a Party member or candidate. In rank he may be an NCO or even a soldier.
- (5) The Grup Org Baze e Rinis Reparti Ushtarak X...Y...(b) in the various regiments or other division units each consist of two persons who are members of the BRPSh and also either Party members or candidates. These persons are ostensibly elected by the members of the BRPSh unit. They include:

President - rank, an Aspirant (if an officer), an NCO or a soldier.

Secretary - rank, a soldier or an NCO.
- (6) The Grup Org Baze e Rinis Bateria 1...2...3...etc (b - 1) in the various batteries or lesser units each consist of one person, a Secretary, who is appointed by the members of (b) in accordance with the directives of (a). This person is a member of the BRPSh and normally a Party candidate.

3. "The Komiteti Partis Punes Rrethit (Regional Party Committee) of any region has no authority whatsoever over the various Dega Politike and Seksioni Politike within that region. All Party matters within the Armed Forces come under the ultimate authority of the Political Directorate of the Ministry of People's Defense and its superior body, the Political Section of the Central Committee of the Albanian Labor Party.

Mission and Privileges of the Labor Party within the Armed Forces

4. "The particular responsibilities of Party members and Party candidates within the Armed Forces include:
 - (a) To study 'Stalinist military art'.
 - (b) To set a military and political example for all other military personnel.
 - (c) To be vigilant in following Party orders.
 - (d) To report to direct Party supervisor any criminal activity, eg knowledge of a person trying to gather military information.
 - (e) To expose reactionary elements who have infiltrated into the People's Armed Forces.
 - (f) To show physical endurance during military training and maneuvers.
 - (g) To watch, control and guide military comrades in technical and practical military training.
 - (h) To attend a monthly Party meeting and make regular payments of membership fees.
5. "The privileges accorded Party members and Party candidates within the Armed Forces include:
 - (a) Commission as an NCO or an officer. The minimum requirement for a commission as an Aspirant is membership in the BRPSh.
 - (b) Exemption from sentry duties; may be in charge of sentries.
 - (c) Appointment to responsible posts; eg administrative secretary (Sekretar Administrata), responsible for food and clothing, etc.
 - (d) Relatively easy passage of compulsory military service.
 - (e) Priority for leaves and off-duty permits and longer leaves - these depend on the issue of the Fleta-Leje document.
 - (f) Upon completion of term of compulsory military service, opportunity to attend the special course for officers of the Reserve Corp at the

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Shkolla e Officeravet Rezerve near Durrës.

- (g) Privilege of collecting and distributing the military mail.
- (h) Confidence and backing of the Party and of officers and superiors. An example: the Party member or candidate will probably receive no punishment if he loses military property. [redacted] or candidate. During July 1952 maneuvers in southern Albania I lost five bullets for the Soviet PPS gun. [redacted] five days of arrest irand (heavy arrest). An Antar Partie or Kandidat Parties would not have been punished in the same situation. On those same maneuvers Kursanti Agim Malile, Kandidat Partie and Secretary of the BRPSH organization of the battalion at the Coastal Artillery School in Durrës, lost six bullets. He was not punished.

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6. "The particular responsibilities of members of the BRPSH in the Armed Forces include:

- (a) As with Party members and candidates, to study 'Stalinist military art', to set a military and political example for other military personnel, to be vigilant in following Party orders, to be tireless in performing military duties, to work and guide military comrades in their technical and practical military training.
- (b) To incur no disciplinary punishments.
- (c) To take perfect care of arms and equipment.
- (d) To set an example in cleanliness and personal hygiene to other military personnel.
- (e) To be a perfect marksman.
- (f) To attend the BRPSH monthly meeting and to pay membership fees regularly.

7. "The privileges accorded members of the BRPSH in the Armed Forces include:

- (a) Opportunity to attend the Shkolla e Officeravet Rezerve upon completion of normal military term. [redacted] that 75% of the soldiers who are BRPSH members are sent for reserve officer training.
- (b) Minimum requirement to be commissioned an Aspirant.
- (c) Priority in achieving NCO status.
- (d) Priority in obtaining leaves and off-duty permits.
- (e) Less sentry duty than the normal soldier.

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Procedure to Obtain Membership

8. "No military man is either urged or required to join the BRPSH or the Labor Party. The preparatory responsibility for attracting worthy members to these organizations rests with the Grupi Agitatorvet (Agit-prop Groups) which exist only in the various Political Sections of regiments and in the dependent Org Base Partis Punes Reparti Ushtarek. There were 30 persons with Agit-prop duties at the Coastal Artillery School in Durrës. The Agit-prop groups consist of Party members and candidates and leading members of the BRPSH. They have the specific assignment of making propaganda in favor of the Party. When they consider a soldier of sufficient maturity to join the BRPSH or to become a Party candidate, they recommend him to the secretary of the Basic Party Organization of the regiment or unit. If that official agrees, the Agitator advises the soldier to file a normal application. Every agitator receives from his Party Basic Organization a monthly pocket pamphlet called Shenime per Agitator (Agitator Instructions). This is printed by the military printing press, Shtypshkronia Ushtarake, on Rr Elbasanit in Tirana, opposite the Lidhja Kulturele Sh-USSR (Soviet-Albanian Cultural Association).

Army Political Personalities

9. [redacted] members of the Armed Forces who held political posts (1952):

- (a) Lt Col Ilambi Premti - Chief of the Political Section for the People's Army of the Central Committee of the Albanian Labor Party. Aged 34, brown hair, blue eyes, married. Former partisan from Boboshtice, Korce region. Former partisan.

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- (b) Major General Sadik Bektashi - Komisari Politik of the Political Directorate of the Ministry of Defense. Aged 38, black hair and eyes, small mustache, married. A colonel in 1952, [redacted] been promoted. Former shepherd from the mountains of Dukaghin (Shkoder). 25X1
- (c) Major Xhemal Zeneli - Komisari Politik of the Dega-Politike of the Komanda Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare. Aged 32, brown hair and eyes, married. Comes from Gjinokaster.
- (d) N/Toger Niko Gjylameti [redacted] his first name as 'Vasil' - Political Commissar of Baterija II of the Coastal Artillery School, Durres, and secretary of the Org Baze Partis of the entire school. Aged 25, brown hair, black eyes, single. Former farmer from Vithkuq, Korce region. Former partisan. Attended a special course for political officers in 1949 in Tirana. 25X1
- (e) Captain 1st Class Vasil Gjylameti - Chief of the Political Branch of the Shkolla e Oficerave Enver Hoxha (Enver Hoxha Officers' School), Rr Bajram Curri, Tirana. Brother of Niko Gjylameti. Aged 30, brown hair, blue eyes, likewise a farmer from Vithkuq. Former partisan.
- (f) Kapten Etem Kodra - President of the Org Baze e Rinis (BRPSH) for the entire battalion of the Coastal Artillery School at Durres. Aged 28, brown hair, blue eyes, married with a young daughter. Party member and former partisan. Comes from Pogradec.
- (g) Agim Mamile - Soldier and Kursant. Secretary of the Org Baze e Rinis for the entire battalion at the Coastal Artillery School and also of Baterija I. Aged 24, brown hair, blue eyes, from Gjinokaster.
- (h) Reshat Plasa - Soldier and Kursant. Secretary of the Grup Org Baze e Rinis of Baterija II of the Coastal Artillery School. Aged 25, black hair and eyes, single. Party candidate. From the town of Korce.
- (i) Kristaq Rama - Soldier and Kursant. Sekretar Grup Org Baze Rinis of Baterija III of the Coastal Artillery School. Aged 25, black hair and eyes, single. Party candidate. From the port of Durres. In civilian life a sculptor."

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